

Disability Studies in Art Education
A National Art Education Association Issues Group

Bylaws, Revised 2021

Article 1: Name, Purpose, and Affiliation

Name: The organization shall be known as Disability Studies in Art Education (DSAE).

Purpose: To provide a network for art educators to share their interests in the interdisciplinary field of disability studies as it pertains to the field of art education. DSAE shall encourage cross-cultural and interdisciplinary research and professional relationships to promote theory and practice that respects disabled peoples as cultural groups.

Affiliation: With approval of the Executive Committee, DSAE may affiliate with other organizations for mutual support and benefit. DSAE is an Issues Group of the National Art Education Association (NAEA).

Article II: Membership and Dues

Membership: All NAEA members are eligible to become active members of DSAE. Membership will be granted to NAEA members who pay DSAE dues. Student members can become members at no cost.¹ Associate memberships may also be granted to institutions, foundations, and organizations invested in the relationship between disability and education or in disability studies.

Dues: Dues shall be established by the executive committee. Members shall be in good standing during any year in which dues are paid.

Article III: Government and Elections

Government: DSAE shall be organized in the categories of Executive Committee and Executive Board.

- A. The Executive Committee shall consist of a Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Delegate Representative
- B. The Executive Board shall consist of elected and appointed officers, including the Executive Committee.

Elections: Elections shall be held bi-annually. The offices of Chair-Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be nominated by the DSAE Executive Committee, with consent of the nominee and elected by DSAE members in good standing. The term of office shall be for two years, with officers taking office at the end of the annual Business Meeting held during the NAEA Convention; the Chair-Elect becomes Chair at the same occasion as other

¹ At the 2021 Annual NAEA Convention, the DSAE executive board voted to provide student memberships at no cost.

elected officers. The current Chair may not serve successively in the office of Chair-Elect. The office of Chair-Elect shall be limited to persons having served on the Executive Committee or Board for two years or more, unless no such potential nominees exist. A slate of candidates and ballots shall be sent to all eligible members no later than two months prior to the NAEA annual convention. A simple majority of votes shall constitute successful election.

Appointments: The Chair shall appoint officers to the Executive Board. The Chair, with consultation of the Executive Committee, may appoint replacement officers in the event of temporary incapacity of any officer or vacancy of any office. The Chair shall appoint officers to the Executive Board. In addition to elected officers, the Chair shall appoint officers to the Executive Board.

Article IV: Duties of Officers

A. Duties common to all Officers and Appointees

1. present a brief, concise written annual report summarizing his/her activities to the Chair and secretary
2. share his/her report during the annual open DSAE Business Meeting
3. individuals needing funds to fulfill duties of her or his position shall prepare a written budget and give it to the Chair and Treasurer
4. write or solicit the periodic DSAE column for *NAEA News*

B. Duties of the Chair

1. see that policies are implemented
2. act in concert with other officers of the Executive Committee
3. take direct action in emergencies and keep the Executive Committee officers informed of all such actions
4. present a written annual report to NAEA
5. preside at all meetings of the Executive Board

C. Duties of the Chair-Elect

1. work closely with the Chair in all matters regarding transition into the office of Chair
2. assume the Chair duties in the event of absences or vacancy in the office of Chair
3. coordinate the annual DSAE/ NAEA meetings
4. perform other duties prescribed by the Chair, Executive Council, and Executive Board

D. Duties of the Secretary

1. keep the minutes of Board and Member meetings
2. write an annual report to the Executive Council summarizing the major business

E. Duties of the Representative to Delegates Assembly

1. represent DSAE at the Delegates Assembly meetings held annually at the NAEA Convention
2. report to the Executive Board

Article V: Assembly of Members Meeting

Assembly: Shall consist of the active membership present and in good standing. It shall convene annually for the purpose of advising the officers on matters pertinent to the governance and activities of the organization.

Article VI: Amendments

Amendment 1) Upon approval of two-thirds of the assembled members changes may be made to DSAE By-Laws.

Amendment 2) The interest group acknowledge that terminology is important in the representation of disability, and therefore we consider the use of both forms of identification seriously (*disabled people* or *people with disabilities*). We also respect that the American Psychological Association (APA) recommends the latter term (2010). However, since the disability rights movement, the term *disabled people* often has been used by disability studies scholars and disabled artists precisely because of the awkwardness and distracting nature of the “person-first” term and its negative connotations (Derby 2011, p.111).